**Curbs on quackery in Delhi**

2113. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that quackery is prevalent on a large scale in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to curb quackery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) complaints of practice by unqualified medical parctitioners were received from time to time in Delhi. These were sent to the concerned authorities of Delhi Administration for action under the law. Penal provisions already exist in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 as well as in the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 to the effect that no person other than a medical practioner enrolled on the State Medical Register shall practise medicine in any State and any person contravening this provisoin shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to Rs. 1,000|- or both. The Government of India have advised the State Governments|Union Territories to invoke penal provisions and to ensure that no addition whatsoever of unqualified persons is made to the stream of practitioners.

**Indo-Soviet cooperation in the field of health and medical sciences**

2114. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India aand Soviet Union have signed a new protocal on cooperation in the fields of health and medical services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Indo-Soviet Standing Committee meetings on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medical Sciences are held from time to time in accordance with the argeement which was signed between India and USSR in 1979. The last meeting was held in Moscow from 15th to 20th July, 1986. The Standing Committee reviewed the results of cooperation achieved during the period 1985-86 and adopted a plan of Cooperation for the period 1987-88. During the course of the session both sides agreed to start coopertion in new areas viz., Cardiology, Heart Surgey, Lever Cell Transfusion Therapy for treatment of Liver failure, Primary Health Care, Reflexo-Therapy and desert Health. The existing cooperation in areas of communicable diseases, vaccine production, blood and blood-products, ophthalology, oncology and neurophysiology will be further strengthened.

**Provision of 2nd AC coach and pantry car in Konark Express**

2115. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the inister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide additional berth by 3Up|4 Down—ex. Berhampur to Howrah which requires at least 15 additional berths in 2nd class 2 berths in A|C 2-tier and 4 berths in Ist class for the overall convenience of the communters; and

(b) whether Government are considering to provide A|C IInd class coach and also panty car in Konarak Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The quota by 3Up/Dn. Howrah-Madras Mail was increased by 2 berths each in First class and Second class sleeper in both the directions recently from 1.5.1986. There is no proposal at present to increase the quota further.

(b) It is proposed to provide an A.C. 2-tier sleeper coach next year. There is no proposal for a pantry car at present.